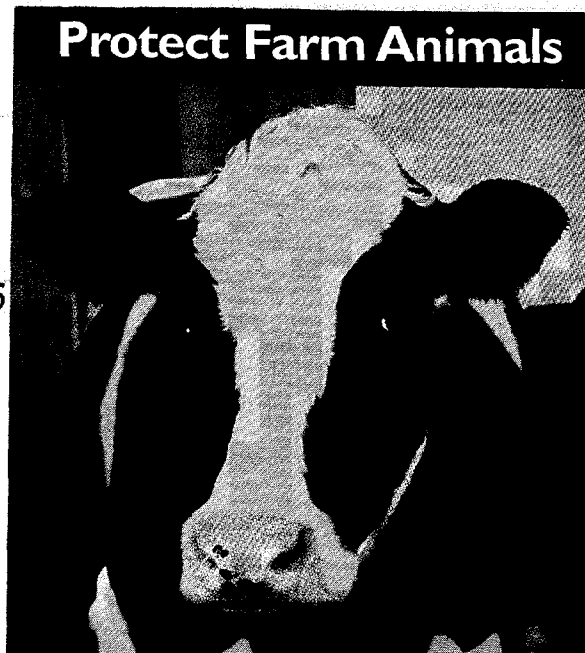


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To Whom It May Concern:



I am aware the USDA recently reviewed and revised its policy regarding the purchase of ground beef for the National School Lunch Program and other federal food and nutrition programs. Now carcasses originating from cattle that are disabled must be segregated to assure that the product from these carcasses is not included in the USDA purchased beef.

This development shows a growing consensus - even among industry and government officials - that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk.

I urge you to please grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. (Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1). You have the power to stop the suffering of animals - I hope you will take this issue seriously.

Respectfully,

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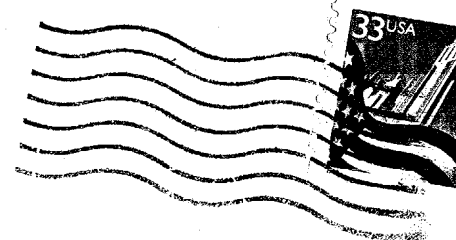
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